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## **FORMAL WELCOME HOME CEREMONY FOR A CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNIT**

NEWINGTON, Conn. – Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, the Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces a formal welcome home ceremony for more than 90 soldiers from the 143<sup>rd</sup> Area Support Group (ASG) of Newington, who were mobilized and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**The event will be held Saturday, January 21, 2006 at the Newington High School at 10:00 a.m.**

The 143<sup>rd</sup> ASG was mobilized on September 2, 2004 and left Connecticut for Ft. Drum, NY, on September 21, 2004. On October 27, 2004 the 143<sup>rd</sup> ASG departed Ft. Drum and arrived in Kuwait and deployed forward into Iraq and was stationed in the Green Zone in Baghdad.

“The outstanding performance by the 143<sup>rd</sup> ASG soldiers is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service, reflects great credit upon the unit, the Connecticut Army National Guard and the United States Army,” said Martin.

The primary mission of the 143<sup>rd</sup> ASG is to provide support to combat-ready forces.

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An Area Support Group (ASG) consists of a headquarters company, a command section and provides personnel administration support, security, plans and operational support, host nation support, legal and ministry support.

The 143<sup>rd</sup> ASG returned to Connecticut on October 1, 2005.

This event is open to the media.

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